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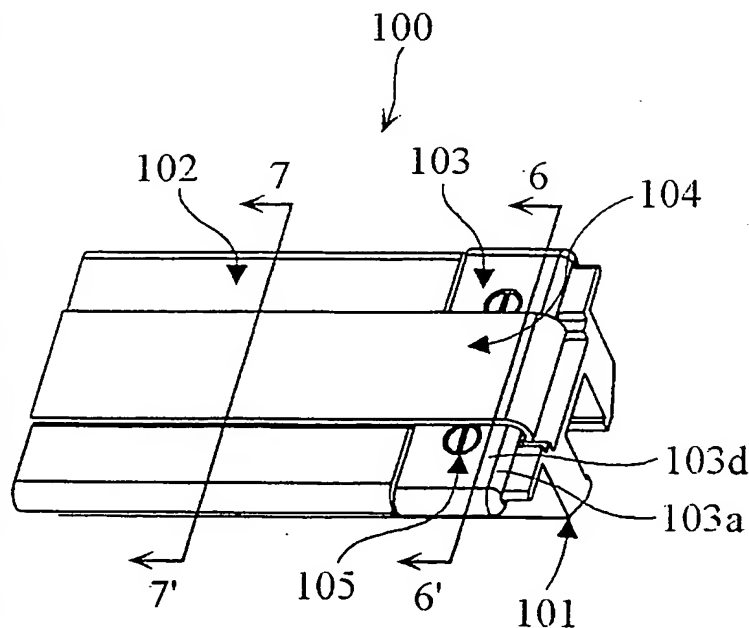
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a newel guide for supporting a handrail, comprising: a friction belt having a closed curved shape and including an outer surface in contact with an internal surface of the handrail; and a support member for supporting an inner surface of the friction belt to allow the friction belt to make an endless continuous movement around the support member. The support member includes a newel frame having a pair of plate members at its upper portion, wherein the plate members are separated from each other and extend in a longitudinal direction of the newel frame. An intermediate guide is mounted on the pair of plate members and has a depressed surface in contact with the inner surface of the friction belt. A pair of joint guides is mounted to the newel frame adjacent to both ends of the intermediate guide, wherein an end of the joint guide provides a support surface for supporting the endless continuous movement of the friction belt.

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